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SUBJECT: LEAKED DOCUMENTS FURORE

1. LOCAL NEWS OUTLETS JAN. 23 FILLED WITH REPORT OF FURORE GROWING OUT OF LEAKAGE OF CLASSIFIED DOCUMENTS FROM STORMONT OFFICES TO REVEREND IAN PAISLEY. MOST RECENT EVIDENCE OF THESE LEAKS WAS PAISLEY ACTION IN QUOTING FROM DOCUMENTS PERTAINING TO HOUSING AND NORTHERN IRELAND HOUSING EXECUTIVE IN PARLIAMENT COMMITTEE MEETING JAN. 21. PAISLEY USED QUOTES FROM PAPERS TO SUBSTANTIATE ALLEGATIONS: (A) THAT CHAIRMAN OF NORTHERN IRELAND HOUSING EXECUTIVE APPOINTED AFTER HE DESCRIBED BY SENIOR CIVIL SERVANT AS HAVING "... SHOWN A TENDENCY TO REGARD HIMSELF AS A DEFENDER OF SPECIFIC MINORITY INTERESTS" AND (B) GOVERNMENT FUNDS FOR REHABILITATING DWELLINGS IN BELFAST HAD BEEN CHANNELLED TO IRA. SUBJECT OF LEAKAGE RAISED IN COMMONS JAN. 22 AND INVESTIGATION BY ROYAL ULSTER CONSTABULARY SPECIAL BRANCH UNDERWAY. PAISLEY ACKNOWLEDGED RECEIPT OF OFFICIAL DOCUMENTS IN MAIL BUT DENIED KNOWING IDENTITY OF SENDER.

2. THERE IS LONG HISTORY OF PAISLEY BEING RECIPIENT

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PRIVILEGED INFORMATION. HE APPARENTLY INFORMED THROUGH

SOURCES IN POLICE LAST SUMMER THAT PROVISIONAL IRA LEADER SEAMUS TWOMEY HAD BEEN REMOVED FROM "WANTED" LIST. HE HAS ALSO CLAIMED KNOWLEDGE OF SECRET MEETINGS HELD BETWEEN PROVISIONALS AND CIVIL SERVANTS. THE SOURCES OF LATTER INFORMATION WOULD PROBABLY BE PERSONNEL ENGAGED AS GUARDS, DOORMEN AND JANITORS.

3. HOUSING EXECUTIVE UNDER PARTICULARLY CRITICAL SCRUTINY BY LOYALISTS. ASCENDANCY HOUSING POLICIES ONE OF ORIGINAL MINORITY GRIEVANCES AND FEATURED AT OUTSET CURRENT "TROUBLES". GOVERNMENTS IN PAST SIX YEARS HAVE ATTEMPTED ELIMINATE GROUNDS FOR COMPLAINTS OF DISCRIMINATION. ONE WAY WAS TO ENCOURAGE RECRUITMENT OF MEMBERS MINORITY COMMUNITY TO JOBS IN HOUSING EXECUTIVE. LOYALISTS ALLEGE MAJORITY OF HOUSING EMPLOYEES NOW ARE CATHOLICS. LATEST INCIDENT TO FOCUS LOYALIST IRE WAS BOMB EXPLOSION BELFAST JAN. 13 KILLING FOUR. ONE OF THOSE KILLED IS SUSPECTED OF BEING BOMBER AND WAS HOUSING EXECUTIVE EMPLOYEE. IN ADDITION THERE LONG-STANDING LOYALIST SUSPICION THAT HOUSING EXECUTIVE FAVORING CATHOLIC-MANAGED FIRMS IN AWARDED DWELLING REHABILITATION CONTRACTS. ONE OF MOST ACTIVE REBUILDING ORGANIZATIONS IN WEST BELFAST IS COOPERATIVE COMPRISED OF EX-DETAINEES OR PRISONERS. THE SECRETARY IS SEAMUS LOUGHRAN, NORTHERN ORGANIZER, PROVISIONAL SINN FEIN. ANY ACCUSATION OF "FAVOR" MUST BE CONSIDERED IN LIGHT RELUCTANCE OR REFUSAL OF SOME BUILDERS AND WORKERS TO OPERATE IN CERTAIN AREAS EVEN IN THE ABSENCE OF ACTUAL INTIMIDATION.

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